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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its forty-fifth session, the Sub-Commission adopted resolution 1993/14 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran" in which it requested the Secretary-General to inform the Sub-Commission at its next session of the relevant reports and measures already implemented by United Nations bodies, or under way, to prevent human rights violations in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

2. In compliance with this request, the attention of the Sub-Commission is drawn to the interim report which the Special Representative on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Reynaldo Galindo Pohl, submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (A/48/526, annex, and Add. 1).

3. On 20 December 1993, the General Assembly adopted, by a vote of 74 to 23, with 51 abstentions, resolution 48/145 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

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4. The Special Representative submitted a final report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session (E/CN.4/1994/50).

5. At its fiftieth session, the Commission on Human Rights also had before it reports by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (E/CN.4/1994/26 and Corr.1 and 2) and by the Special Rapporteurs on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (E/CN.4/1994/7 and Corr.1 and 2) on the question of torture (E/CN.4/1994/31) and on forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (E/CN.4/1994/79), which refer to the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran within the terms of their respective mandates.

6. On 9 March 1994, the Commission on Human Rights adopted, by a roll-call vote of 22 to 11, with 19 abstentions, resolution 1994/73 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

7. The attention of the Sub-Commission is also drawn to the concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD/C/43/CRP.1/Add.9), the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/C.12/1993/7) and the comments of the Human Rights Committee (CCPR/C/79/Add.25) on reports submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran under article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and under article 40 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, respectively.

8. At its substantive session of 1994, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/73, approved the Commission's request to the Special Representative to submit an interim report to the General Assembly, at its forty-ninth session, on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the situation of minority groups, such as the Baha'is, and to report to the Commission at its fifty-first session (decision 1994/263 of 22 July 1994).